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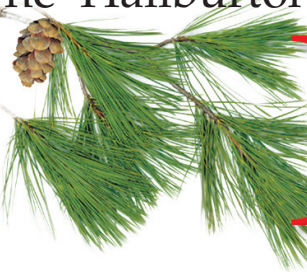


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Dancing for Robbie Burns

Sharon and Brian Sachs show their Scottish pride during one of the many jigs danced at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 29 in honour of Robbie Burns' birthday. The annual event marked the 40th anniversary of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band, which Brian is a member of. See page 5 for story and more photos.

Angelica Blenich
Echo staff

Highland Cup relocates to Bancroft

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Just three years after its inception, the Highland Cup has been given a new home after organizers decided to move it out of the county and promote it under a new name.

Created in 2008 by Harold Foyster, the two-day snowmobile event has traditionally taken place in Haliburton however due to economic reasons Foyster decided to look at other options.

"There was not enough support here in Haliburton," said Foyster regarding the event.

Scheduled to take place on Feb. 5 and 6 in Birds Creek, just north of Bancroft, the Mada-

waska Cup will include snowmobile races similar to past years' events.

Citing a strong amount of up front support in the municipality of Hastings Highlands Foyster is looking forward to this year's event and the changes.

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Improving rural health care

Residents of Haliburton and neighbouring communities are being asked to provide feedback on how to provide the best access to quality health-care services.

Specifically, the Ontario government is seeking your input on recommendations made by the Rural and Northern Health Care Panel, which was established to develop strategic directions and principles to help ensure appropriate access to health-care services in rural and northern communities.

Rick Johnson, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, is co-leading the public consultations taking place throughout the province along with Liz Sandals, MPP for Guelph, and parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care.

"The Rural and Northern Health Care Panel has done a tremendous job in laying out a vision for rural and northern health care," said Johnson. "Residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock now have the opportunity to shape our government's understanding of the unique needs and challenges of rural communities like Haliburton and its more northern neighbours."

There are a number of ways that you can make your views known – including online at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth, by telephone (1-800-503-8654), and in person at the local roundtable discussion:

Feb. 8, from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 (Hall), 719 Mountain Road, Haliburton, Ontario

Residents must register for this session by Feb. 4 at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth or by calling 1-800-503-8654.

All Ontarians expect and deserve access to quality health care, regardless of where they live. Improving access to health-care services in rural and northern Ontario is part of the province's Open Ontario plan to ensure quality health-care services for all patients while improving accountability.



Snowmobiler rescued

Fire chief Miles Maughan drives emergency personnel back from a snowmobile accident near Soyers Lake Road Jan. 26. Stuart Charity, 43, of Bobcaygeon struck a tree with his sled and was transported to Haliburton Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Darren Lum Echo staff

Hodgson recalled to Canucks

It was an exciting weekend for two Haliburton hockey players.

Cody Hodgson, a cottager in the Highlands, learned on the weekend he was being "recalled" to the Vancouver Canucks.

Hodgson had just returned to the farm team, the Manitoba Moose, after being out with a facial fracture for six weeks.

Hodgson, the Canucks' 2008 draft pick, flew to Dallas Monday evening to meet with the team ahead of Tuesday's game against the Stars.

Meanwhile, in Raleigh, N.C., Haliburton's Matt Duchene shone at the NHL all-star game where he scored a goal for the winning Lidstrom team.

The team won 11-10 on Sunday, Jan. 30.

Award in Fleming teacher's honour

➤ Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Friends and family of Clark Guettel, who taught glassblowing at Fleming's Haliburton School of the Arts for many years, are hoping enough money can be raised to establish an award in his honour.

Guettel, who died of cancer at age 61, is remembered for his finesse with glass as well as his broad musical talent.

If \$6,200 can be raised for the fund, the provincial government will match the money, thereby establishing the award to be given annually to a student at Haliburton's glassblowing program.

Cheques can be made out to Fleming College Foundation with a note "in memory of Clark Guettel."

Youth theatre workshops planned for April

Shadowland Theatre will be introducing Haliburton's young performing arts students to processional and spectacle theatre April 11 and 12 courtesy of a Theatre Ontario grant given to the Conjurers of County Town.

A show for the community at large will be presented the evening of April 11 (look for updates in coming issues of the *Echo*).

Other youth interested in participating can call organizer Fay Martin at 705-286-3668 or email her at fay.martin@fay-andassociates.com. Additional youth will be accepted on a first-come basis if there is room.

To find out more about Shadowland, go to www.shadowlandtheatre.ca.

Former domestic violence worker named justice

Justice Lisa Marion Cameron, formerly a member of the Haliburton domestic violence coordinating committee and Haliburton youth justice committee, will become a judge on the Ontario Court of Justice Feb. 2.

Cameron was a Crown attorney in Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, leading a 10-person attorney's office starting in 1999 and going in 2008 to Nunavut to become a Crown prosecutor for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada.

Land Trust launches new journal

The result of in-depth studies of the county's wildlife, the new *Species At Risk Journal* will be launched Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

The journal includes eight newly listed at-risk species: the bald eagle, bobolink, Canada warbler, chimney swift, common nighthawk, olive-sided flycatcher, whip-poor-will and snapping turtle.

For more information call the land trust 705-457-8107 or email info@haliburtonlandtrust.ca.

Snowmobile stolen on Upper Paudash Rd.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, the Bancroft detachment of the OPP responded to the report of a break and enter on Upper Paudash Road in the municipality of Highlands East.

Investigation revealed that a shed had been forcibly entered and a Polaris XLT snowmobile was stolen.

Anyone with information about this break, enter and theft are encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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Larry J. Giles throws out the feed for the walleye in the pond of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association at the end of the Haliburton County Historical Society monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Hatchery opens doors to history buffs

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

For some of them it was the first time.

The Haliburton County Historical Society visited the Haliburton hatchery and received an inside look at the result of the hard work that occurs there from Marnie Falkner of the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 26.

Several of the society members expressed amazement during and after their monthly event, remarking it was their first visit to the hatchery.

The hatchery – which has the objectives of preserving culture, the Haliburton lake trout strain, increasing public awareness of natural resource management, promoting community involvement in sustaining local fisheries, providing opportunities for education and hands-on experience in the field of science and promoting the restoration of local lake trout stocks such as the Haliburton Gold – has raised more than 370,000 trout since opening in April 2000.

With unique genetics, the Haliburton Gold is a local trout strain important tied to the history of the area, as it

dates back some 100,000 years. In the late 1970s the local species of fish Haliburton Gold was discovered during acid rain testing.

Every year the hatchery is responsible for releasing 44,000 fish in 22 lakes in the area.

Falkner, who referred to the importance of trout for the environment, pointed out that trout are like the proverbial canary in the coal mine.

There are 45 volunteers in total with 25 of them very active in regular operations at the hatchery she said, adding the hatchery is always looking for volunteers.

Although the Ministry of Natural Resources's financial support to dwindle, they continue to support the hatchery by providing expertise and equipment, including a helicopter during stocking.

The association will continue to hold their fundraisers such as the pickerel fish fry.

For more information about volunteering or tours the public is encouraged to go to their website: www.hhoa.on.ca or call them at 705-457-9664.

The historical society's next meeting is being led by Bill Beatty and Julia Robertson for "Stories my Grandparents Told Me" at 1:30 p.m. at the Maple Lake United Church in Stanhope on Wednesday, March 23.

Hatchery in trouble

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association is in financial trouble, so much so that its president is worried the association may have to close its fish hatchery within the next three years.

Bill Beatty spoke to county councillors at their Jan. 26 meeting, where he gave them an update on the association's activities and expressed his concerns about its future.

"We're a group of volunteers that have to pay to be a volunteer," Beatty said.

With a volunteer base of between 200 and 300, the association's major project is its fish hatchery, located just outside Haliburton Village.

Producing rainbow trout, walleye and the county's Haliburton Gold species, the hatchery helped to stock 22 lakes last year. It has produced more than half a million fish since it opened in 2000.

However, as Beatty was careful to emphasize, the association does much more than just operate the hatchery.

Last year, for example, the group cleaned up between 60 and 80 beaches and landings throughout the county.

It also provides and maintains a soccer field for use by the community and helps organize children's fishing derbies.

It also brings public school classes to the hatchery for tours.

"And we pay for the bus," Beatty said.

The association's budget is approximately \$70,000 a year.

The county is heading into its third year of a four-year funding agreement with the association for \$20,000 a year.

Traditionally, another large chunk of the association's budget has come through the Ministry of Natural Resources.

However, what used to be \$25,000 in annual funding was cut to \$12,000 and now that amount is being reduced to \$3,000; \$1,000 per species of fish the hatchery produces.

"I'm a little disappointed that the MNR has cut your funding," Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey told Beatty.

Fearrey said the Minister of Natural Resources had said she was dedicated to helping small fisheries and planned to bring the issue up to her at an upcoming conference in Toronto.

Beatty said the association is struggling with its fundraising as well. This year's fundraiser dinners brought in \$15,000, compared to \$24,000 the year before.

The association has received \$5,000 from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and the association is continuing to pursue grants.

However, at the rate things are going, Beatty said he fears the association's reserves could be drained within three years, forcing it to close the hatchery.

MNR to move Haliburton fire management base

➤ Stanhope Airport tops list of possible sites

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Ministry of Natural Resources is looking at moving its local fire management base from Haliburton to Stanhope.

The MNR has been in conversation with Algonquin Highlands councillors about moving the base to the vicinity of the Stanhope Airport.

"We've outgrown the space," Dave Brown, fire management supervisor at the base, told the *Times*.

The base, which consists mainly of office space, a warehouse and a parking lot, was built in 1954.

At that time, Brown said, there was one supervisor and a fire crew of five working out of the base.

Now, during the summer months, more than 50 MNR employees work out of the facility.

Brown said strategically, it's important to keep the base in the area, since it covers lands stretching from Georgian Bay to Pembroke and even Kingston.

While the ministry is open to other options, Stanhope is the only location it is looking at at this time, he said.

"It's early days yet," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt of the talks, adding though that council was excited about the prospect.

The MNR uses the Stanhope Airport as a standby base for its firefighting aircraft during the summer, which Moffatt said is a significant revenue generator for the township.

Brown said that even when a decision regarding the new base location is made, it will take at least a year of planning work.

"It's not a breaking-ground-tomorrow type of thing," he said.

Haliburton County is part of the MNR's east fire region, which encompasses about half the province.

Along with the one in Haliburton, there are management bases in Chapleau, Timmins, Cochrane, Wawa, North Bay, Pembroke, Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury.

Under their new mandate, the bases are not responsible just for the management of fires, but all forms of natural disaster including storms and flooding.

Air ambulance move may affect transportation times

➤ More reliable service comes with slightly longer delivery times

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Plans to relocate Southern Ontario's Ornge transport medicine centre from Toronto to Hamilton may affect local health services by adding a few extra minutes to helicopter delivery times.

In October 2010, Ornge, the provider of transport medicine services for Ontario, announced it will be moving its services from its current location on Toronto Island to the Hamilton International Airport effective 2011.

The proposed facility would continue to service those living in Southern Ontario, including Haliburton County.

The decision to move the air ambulance had EMS workers from the surrounding region concerned about delivery times and affected health services.

According to Paul Rosebush, CEO of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the move will only slightly alter ambulance delivery times, but will provide a more reliable service.

"We've been on conference calls with EMS and the Ornge providers just exploring the rationale behind the move and I think generally we're satisfied with their explanation," said Rosebush. "We've been told it will increase travel time at most by nine minutes."

The air ambulance base is moving to Hamilton because Toronto is no longer providing an optimal site, with no possibility for future expansion or enhancement of services, according to reports released by Ornge.

"The location does not meet the practical requirements of an air base that transports critically ill patients where time is a critical factor because 24/7 access to the island is a constant issue," said Tom Lepine, chief operating officer for Ornge Ontario in an official statement. "Weather is a frequent issue at the Toronto Island Airport, which, from time-to-time, impacts our ability to launch. Most importantly the Toronto Island Airport does not afford

Ornge the most cost-efficient and sustainable solution for the long term."

According to Rosebush air ambulance services provided out of Toronto were often weather dependent, negatively impacting those living in the county.

"The upside of this is that whenever there's a call they're actually going to be able to get out of that airport because in Toronto Island the problem right now for them, as we understand it, is that they can get weather blockages so that they can't fly, making them unable to leave the area. It does interrupt service to Haliburton County and when they do that it means they have to try and send ground transport up which takes longer," said Rosebush. "So our understanding is we're going to get a more reliable, accessible emergency transport service. In my mind that's a reasonable trade-off if we get more reliable service."

Upon deciding to move its services elsewhere, Ornge completed a review of possible alternatives and evaluated various criteria including runway length, weather reporting, runway visual range, winter maintenance and fuel availability, among other things.

Based on these criteria, the Hamilton International Airport proved to be the most suitable alternative location.

According to Ornge, the move will result in an insignificant impact on response times, which will be offset by new helicopters that are faster than the current fleet.

According to a recent article from the *Lindsay Post*, EMS personnel from the City of Kawartha Lakes met with the Eastern Ontario EMS chiefs on Jan. 20 in the hopes of making a case to the province that the move to Hamilton made no geographical sense, instead lobbying for a move to Peterborough County.

There is already an existing Ornge air ambulance base in London and one in Ottawa.

The new facility will be the second Ornge Transport Medicine Centre of Excellence in Ontario, the first residing in Thunder Bay.

An exact date for when the new facility will be open has not yet been determined with services continuing to operate from the current Toronto base in the interim.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HEALTH CARE IN RURAL AND NORTHERN ONTARIO

The Rural and Northern Health Care Panel recommendations on how to better coordinate health care services in Ontario's rural and northern areas have been posted for comment. Their report is available at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth or by calling 1-800-503-8654.

As part of the development of a new rural and northern health care plan, the Government of Ontario wants to hear what you have to say about these recommendations.

A regional round table discussion is taking place near you:

**Haliburton
February 8, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Legion Hall
719 Mountain Road**

Please register at www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth or call 1-800-503-8654, by February 4, 2011 as space is limited.

The consultation is being hosted by Liz Sandals, MPP, Parliamentary Assistant to Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and MPP Rick Johnson.

Regional round tables are just one of the ways people are able to provide feedback to the government about rural and northern health care services.

For more information, or to make a personal submission, visit www.ontario.ca/ruralnorthernhealth or call 1-800-503-8654.



The Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band kick-off the festivities at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 30 for the annual Robbie Burns birthday celebration. The event also marked the 40th anniversary of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums.

Angelica Blenich
Echo staff

40th anniversary of band draws big crowd to Haliburton Legion

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Earl Cooper couldn't have picked a better night to get the band back together.

The original founder of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums, Cooper, 83, reunited with his band for the first time since having heart surgery last spring at the annual Robbie Burns festivities held at the Haliburton Legion on Jan. 29.

This year marked the 40th anniversary of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums and it became clear early on that while the event may have been in honour of Burns, the night truly belonged to Cooper.

In front of a sea of tartans and a packed house of kilts, Cooper piped in with the band he created half a lifetime ago.

"I started the band and I've been with them for 40 years," said Cooper. "I didn't know how to drum until I started the band. I thought starting a band was a good way to learn."

Cooper was recognized during the evening's events by having the privilege of leading the grand march with his wife Eleanor and being presented with a plaque.

The event, which drew approximately 130 people, included traditional Scottish songs performed by the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums including Amazing Grace, Highland Cathedral and Thistle of Scotland.

Following the band, Highland dancers entertained the crowd clothed in tartans of all colours.

The evening concluded with the parade of Haggis and Ode, which was performed by Bill Elliot.



A quartet of Highland dancers entertain the crowd at the Legion with a variety of traditional dances.



Earl Cooper, left, founder of the Haliburton Highlanders Pipes and Drums band and one of the band's last remaining original pipers, shakes Pipe Major Andrew Mansfield's hand upon the presentation of a cake commemorating the band's 40th anniversary.



Eleanor and Earl Cooper get ready to lead the Grand March.



The Rotary Club
of Haliburton

25th Annual Charity Auction

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is pleased to announce that we will be holding our annual charity auction on February 26th at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. This year's event is a special event as it is the 25th anniversary! We invite all members of the community to join us in a fun night of bidding and for an excellent meal.

When: Saturday February 26th

Where: Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre

Time: 5:30 with dinner being served at 7:00 pm

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Tickets: Available at Henwoods Variety, Haliburton Vision Care Centre, or any Rotarian. Proceeds go to local and international charitable Rotary projects.

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points of view

Tough corner

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED about the corner of Cedar Avenue and Highland Street in Haliburton, just outside of the *Echo* office.

Watching pedestrians scurry across the road at a place where no crosswalk is offered always made me hold my breath.

Inching my car from Cedar onto Highland, where oncoming traffic is well hidden behind a row of parked cars, to complete a left turn has likewise made my stomach queasy.

In the summer, when I was foolish enough to use the intersection, I would often abandon left-turn attempts after idling for five minutes waiting for a break in traffic.

Everyone you speak to calls it a "horrible" intersection.

Even before the front end of my car was crunched last week I thought there should be a light at that spot.

Now I know there should be.

It was an innocent enough accident: a woman at the stop sign on York Street thought she could travel southbound onto Cedar without getting hit.

She thought wrong.

A man travelling east on Highland hit the back end of her car, pushing her into my car, which was sitting and idling where it always sits and idles at the corner of Cedar and Highland,

left turn light flashing.

Rules of the road weren't obeyed in this case and the woman was charged for her role in the collision, but I can't help but think if there were traffic

lights there this wouldn't happen.

I know the reasons people don't like lights: expense, congestion, pollution.

But I would argue that many taxpayers would agree that a light is worth the money to save all of the insurance dollars spent by drivers fixing

their smashed cars.

The congestion could be mitigated as long as the lights were only triggered by waiting cars and the pollution would likely be negligible considering how long people currently idle waiting for that left turn.

You could ban left turns, but that would only force Mountain Street traffic onto two other difficult intersections (the treacherous Lake Avenue or turning at the flashing light by the municipal office) and it would do nothing to solve the issue of crossing Highland, which has proven to be as difficult for cars as pedestrians.

Especially now that we have invested so much in the York Street pedestrian experience, connecting the parking lot and Head Lake Park to stores and the cenotaph, better regulation of that corner just makes sense.



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Sundog

photo by Darren Lum

Some things you should know about me

OVER THE WEEKEND I got to thinking that I've taken you for granted, or perhaps you've taken me for granted. Seems every other week when I present you this tiny bit of brain stew we both assume that you and I are on the same page (which, of course, you have to be to read this, but I digress). What I mean is that you probably really don't know me at all and therefore might totally misinterpret my ramblings on various important subjects (like the price of cod for example).

If this were a date it'd be a blind one simply because I'm just another pretty face in this newsprint-filled sea of pretty faces (I know, I know, Galea is gorgeous). What you need to know is who I am and whether we're really compatible long term in this relationship. In short you need to know me intimately (I can send photos if need be) for this to work.

If I meet your approval I'll see you in two weeks. If not, I suppose I've just saved you three minutes.

So, a bit about me:

I was born the sixth child to an Amish electrician, I was orphaned at age 23 and I'm allergic to oxygen. I think there are far too many parking meters in this town but feel we need one more strategically-

placed park bench (I've lit a fire to show you where). I have never owned a pickup truck and have never driven a standard. I've taken to wearing baseball caps lately simply because I like keeping the major-

ity of my hair hidden from the sun (to heck with the back).

I have lived in five different locations in the 30-some years I've lived here and have planted my flag in pretty much all areas of the county except Wilberforce (restraining order) and although I have visited every landfill site in the county I can honestly say I don't have

a favourite.

I have been lobbying for a public transit system in the area for over 57 years (I was thinking of it in the womb and as that little glint in my father's eye) and, as of recently, I think we might have swayed enough town councillors to acquire the first car in our new subway rail system. Digging starts next Monday. Bring your shovels.

My positions on politics, sex and religion? One I actively participate in. One I want to participate in (a lot) more. And one I don't do much at all. In all three I tend to lean left, and in one, much further left than the others (bad knee).



Charlie Teljeur
Thinking Small

points of view

Food for thought

A WEEK OR SO AGO, a hunting buddy and I were having a debate over which food is the funniest. In my world, this is the type of thought-provoking, intellectual discussion that mature adults partake in when not making fart noises with our armpits.

Let me begin by saying that, up until that point, I had a good deal of respect for my friend's intellectual capacity – after all, he is a cartoonist. But within minutes of the discussion's start, I reconsidered. I had no choice after he insisted that cheese doodles were, without doubt, the world's funniest food.

"What could be funnier than cheese doodles?" he said.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

At first, I thought that this was some sort of sick joke. Then, being a reasonable man, I merely assumed that he had never heard of Waldorf salads.

So I unleashed this bit of levity upon him.

But did he laugh? No. No, he did not. Imagine how shocked I was. I'm talking about a stand up guy who has been a close friend for the past 15 years. Up till this point, I was reasonably certain that here was a guy who I could trust to watch my back.

And, suddenly, just like that, I discovered how very wrong I was.

Call me a softie but I was unwilling to give up on a friend that easily. So I asked the obvious question.

"Hey pal, is your hearing OK?"

"Yes," he said. "I just happen to believe that cheese doodles are much funnier than Waldorf salads."

I just about lost it.

Anyone with half a brain knows that the Waldorf salad is the world's funniest food. All you need do is utter the phrase Waldorf and everyone in the room cracks up. Try that with cheese doodles and see where it gets you! And I told him as much too.

"Waldorf salad," I deadpanned, just to make sure.

Though my delivery and timing was impeccable, Tom did not so much as snicker. It was almost as if he lacked the mental maturity to get it.

"Cheese doodle," he replied, obviously sensing that he was well on his way to losing the moral high ground.

Then and there, it hit me that Tom had probably not actually understood a single joke that I had told in all the time I had known him. Oh sure, he laughed on occasion but it was not the laughter that comes with an actual comprehension of humour. No, it was the laughter that comes with knowing that something should be funny while not understanding why.

I immediately spoke slower and used smaller words.

Even as I wondered how to break the news that I would be looking for someone else to turkey hunt with this spring and was researching how to revoke Godfather status, I did not over-react.

Which is good, because he then conceded that Waldorfs were certainly the funniest of salads. Wow, now there was an understatement! I mean other than the Honeymoon Salad – lettuce alone – there's no other salad that even comes close.

Yet, despite his absurd and childish allegiance to a small idea, I took the high road. In fact, just the other day, I invited him to a restaurant for a conciliatory lunch. I won't lie to you. It was awkward from the get-go and so we steered clear of our disagreement, instead talking about less significant issues such as the Egyptian uprising and the emergence of China on the world stage.

Things were going well too but tensions were running a bit high. As much as I would have liked to order a Waldorf salad to lighten the mood, we had agreed to leave gourmet humour behind us.

I had cannelloni and he ordered the stroganoff.



pic of the past

The Haliburton Village waterfront presents a much different view today than in this picture taken sometime in the 1920s. The private boathouses at the water's edge are gone, replaced by the town dock, and the rail line has been torn up to make room for a pleasant lakeside walkway. The Baptist Church, at the left, is gone now. The first St. George's Anglican Church was a small log building which was replaced by this picturesque frame structure built in 1870, which burned to the ground in 1920. Picture courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

letters to the editor

HHSS play perfect night out

To the Editor,

I had the absolute pleasure of attending Mrs. Zilla's Grade 11 drama class production, *The Rocky Monster Horror Show*. My son Keith was in this play and besides being his mother and very proud of him, *every one* of those kids deserves a pat on the back.

It was spectacular! I was laughing, I was dancing in

my chair and I was even singing along. Great job! You all deserve an A in my books.

The energy and the choreography (way to go Nikki) was something to be admired.

Thanks kids, it was a perfect night out.

Janet Burley
Haliburton

Health unit should recognize presence of radon

To the Editor,

Radon gas is the second leading cause of lung cancer according to Health Canada. Many of the drilled wells in Haliburton County have high levels of uranium from drilling and exploration for uranium and historical uranium mines. Many homes in the Haliburton area have dangerous levels of radon gas in their homes.

It is time for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit to acknowledge the presence of radon

gas in the county as a cause of the higher than average lung cancer cases. It is time to support people in testing their water for uranium and their homes for radon gas.

Without testing, you will never know that you are ingesting and breathing in radon gas, as it is tasteless, odourless and colourless. It is time to keep records of those who die from lung cancer in Haliburton County and determine if there was uranium in their water and radon gas in their homes.

see **HOW MUCH** page 8

letters

Don't be bullied by school forms

To the Editor,

It's that time of year again, folks, when those forms come back from the schools threatening to suspend any child that is not vaccinated.

There is no law that says vaccination is mandatory. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms specifically protects Canadians from involuntary medical procedure – that's why people cannot be court-ordered to take medication, undergo therapy, or be sterilized against their will. It's against the law to state, hint, or even imply that vaccination is mandatory – an interesting dichotomy, given the wording of the school forms.

Even the Immunization of Schoolchildren Act, a provincial legislation (which cannot supercede federal law), provides exclusion from vaccination for reasons of conscience or religion or if you believe your child's health will be jeopardized.

Full info here: <http://www.consumerhealth.org/articles/display.cfm?id=19990705200653>.

Silja Hare
Minden

Volunteer drivers deserve decent mileage rate

Letter to the Editor

I am a cancer survivor and I was also a hospice volunteer. For the past few years I have taken part in the Relay for Life, along with my hospice client who recently passed away.

While attending my cancer support group on Tuesday I learned that the drivers for the Cancer Society were being cut back to .25 cents a kilometre.

With the cost of gasoline, plus the wear and tear on their vehicles I cannot believe these dedicated drivers can afford to continue to drive these patients, some of whom have no other means of transportation.

I know I would have been in a real mess if it were not for the great driver who picked me up regularly Sunday night for my trip to Kingston each week, and then picked me up on Friday

after treatment to bring me home.

My client would definitely have suffered much more than she did without her constant support of her drivers who drove her often twice a week to receive treatments at the Kingston Cancer Centre.

If it is indeed the case the Cancer Society's decision to cut mileage allowance for this very valuable service to those who have no other means to get to their treatment whether it be Oshawa, Kingston, or the upcoming Peterborough Regional Cancer Centre this definitely should be reconsidered.

These drivers do this of their own free will and are volunteers. They should at least receive a decent mileage rate.

Mary Lawr
Essonville

Unlock time machine

To the Editor,

After hearing the latest news and reading a letter in last week's *Echo* regarding a Tim Hortons coming to Haliburton I am in total shock and disbelief. The only reasonable explanation for such dramatic turn of events would be that someone responsible fell asleep on their "watch of the time machine" at town hall. We all know that the switch of this machine is locked in the past and here we are about to enter the 1980s, with our own Tim Hortons. Wow, such a brave step forward.

Speaking of the past, I just want to congratulate all those people who fought and continue to fight against the Watercolors project. Not only did they manage to dispose of a senior housing development, that is so clearly needed, they also created such a park-like setting, with the broken down dilapidated building and the field full of weeds that greets our residents and visitors coming in to town along Highway 118. Way to go folks, a job well done!

David Colwell
Haliburton

How much evidence do we need?

from page 7

It is time to stop allowing exploration and mining companies telling us that there is no harm to health when they drill and explore for uranium. It is time to tell the nuclear industry that uranium is dangerous and that there are other ways to power the province. Write to Barry Devolin, Rick Johnson, Premier McGuinty and Brad Duguid, energy minister, that we do not want two new nuclear reactors built at Darlington – there are public hearings starting March 21 – and we do not want any more drilling and exploration for uranium in Haliburton County.

How much more evidence do we need and how much more harm to our health must we experience before we change from using nuclear energy and start using renewable energy in Haliburton County and Ontario?

Darlene Buckingham
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Board members stripped of voting power

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the meeting of Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Jan. 27.

A new stipulation in a provincial bylaw has taken away certain board members' voting power, including CEO Paul Rosebush and other staff members.

The change is a result of bylaw regulations that came into effect Jan. 1. One of the regulations stipulates that chief nursing officer for HHHS Debbie Watson attend board meetings.

Another requirement, said Rosebush, is that certain members of the board will no longer have voting privileges from this month forward. Those members include Watson, Rosebush and physicians Dr. Steve Ferracuti and Dr. Norm Bottum.

"Bylaw changes will be drafted over the next few months for approval at our AGM this June," said Rosebush.

Current members of the board voiced concern with the changes to the voting structure, prompting board chairman Dale Robinson to suggest the board send a letter appealing the decision.

"Do you know what the background and the reasoning is to why they decided you can't vote at board meetings?" asked board member Hugh Nichol.

According to Rosebush, there was no documentation outlining the reasoning behind the decision.

"My correspondence from the Ontario Medical Association is they're certainly not happy with this and feel that it's a step backwards having physicians not having any power on the boards and they're certainly lobbying the government to overturn the decision on that point of legislation," said Dr. Bottum.

"Well I think that anybody who sits on the board should have a vote," said Nichol.

According to Rosebush the Ontario Hospital Association unsuccessfully lobbied against the change before it was passed.

A motion to send a letter in support of restoring voting privileges to staff members was brought forth and unanimously passed.

Geothermal project delayed due to weather

The shovels will have to wait a little while longer before they can hit the ground and begin the geothermal heating project at the Haliburton Hospital due to some early cold weather.

Set to begin this past December, according to Rosebush, the project couldn't get started due to Grass Lake already being frozen. The Minden project site, however, will commence next month, said Rosebush.

Rosebush informed the board that a staff information meeting was held on Jan. 26 in conjunction with Ecosystem outlining specifics of the project.

Finance committee applauds hospital CEO

Board member Hugh Nichol had high praise for Rosebush and his team for their efforts to cut back non-wage related costs from the budget.

During his financial report Nichol informed the board that the HHHS was currently operating a \$15-million yearly budget, of which 75 per cent is comprised of wages and benefits.

During the past year, said Nichol, Rosebush has successfully eliminated \$200,000 in non-wage expenses, compared to the prior year.

"This is the second year Paul and his team have been able to do that," said Nichol. "In two years Paul and the management team have been able to take out \$400,000 in non-wage expenses. So Mr. Chairman I think this board and this community owe Paul, the management team and all of the staff a huge thank-you because if that \$400,000 hadn't been taken out we would be sitting here having discussions about the service cuts."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO
Paul Rosebush spoke to members of his staff about the new changes to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The major construction for Minden and Haliburton is expected to be completed by early summer with the full completion of work in the autumn.



HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush addresses the audience of staff members at the organization's monthly Coffee Talk meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 26. This meeting was an information meeting for the organization's partnership effort with Ecosystem to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions with the addition of a geothermal system and solar panels, including an automated heating/cooling system.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Guillaume Lavallee, the design and construction engineer of Ecosystem, speaks to the audience of staff members for the HHHS. The Quebec-based company has 150 projects after being in business for more than 17 years and has \$137 million cumulative savings in energy while also reducing emissions by 290,000 tons of greenhouse gases.



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Haliburton County news



Algonquin Highlands firefighter Adam Thorn suits up in a special dry suit as he prepares to play a victim in an ice water rescue training session.



Chilly ice water training

Algonquin Highlands firefighters pull fellow volunteer Dallas Latanville out of the Lake of Bays during an ice water training exercise in Dorset on the morning of Jan. 23.

Chad Ingram Times staff

County plants tree bylaw seed

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county is moving towards the establishment of a tree preservation bylaw.

County councillors voted at a Jan. 26 meeting to put out a request to the four lower-tier municipalities to delegate all or part of their powers to create bylaws surrounding the destruction of trees to the county.

The bylaw would look mainly at the destruction of vegetation in shoreline areas and county planner Jane Tousaw said putting it in the hands of the county would be the most cost-effective for all municipalities.

The county would incur unknown costs affiliated with licensing, site inspections and enforcement related to the process, but if not all townships agreed to the process, there could be overlapping of duties and possible duplication of costs, Tousaw said.

"It's a huge enforcement issue if it isn't handled properly," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Tousaw said there was a drive from the public to see action on the issue.

"There is some urgency from the public's sort of view ... to go through with this policy," she said.

While many people want to see increased protection of shoreline vegetation, there are some who feel it's not the government's place to be telling them what trees they can or can't cut on their properties, Tousaw said.

The county's various lake associations should also be called on for input, she said.

How far the setback would be still has to be identified.

None of the county's townships has a such a bylaw.

Introducing The Cottage Kit

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

What seems likely to become a waste disposal revolution in the county took place in Algonquin Highlands council chambers on Jan. 20.

At their meeting Thursday, councillors for the township heard from waste production coordinator Gayle Short, who explained to them her new invention, what she is calling The Cottage Kit.

Simple in its nature, the kit is a clear plastic bag containing everything a family renting a cottage for a week needs to properly deal with the disposal of their waste – clear garbage bags, a recycling guide and other such items.

The kit also contains a one-time-use landfill card, which, as Short explained, should go a long way in dealing with the confusion and frustration that can sometimes occur when renters go to use a local landfill.

"We only issue two landfill cards to cottage owners," Short told councillors, adding that for people who rent out their cottages, this means cards can easily get lost in the shuffle. "We don't like to give cards out."

During the tourist season, renters will show up at landfills with their garbage and without a card.

"If you don't let them in, then the garbage is going to end up on the side of the road somewhere," Short said.

The kits, 2,000 of them, will be sold for \$3 each or 10 for \$25 by the municipality at its offices and landfills this season in a trial run.

Public works director Brian Whetstone, clearly delighted by the concept, said the kits would also help ensure the township's clear garbage bag bylaw is being followed.

The kit was lauded by council members.



Chad Ingram Echo staff

Gayle Short shows her new invention, The Cottage Kit.

"The concept is great . . . and I think the price point is really good as well," said Councillor Gary Schultz.

Schultz, owner of Oxtongue Lake's Algonquin Lakeside Inn, said accommodators can often experience problems with guests improperly disposing of their waste and thought the idea could be adopted for resorts and motels as well.

For people who rent out their cottages, he thought having the kit would create an image of professionalism.

Whetstone hopes the kit will go countywide and it is being shopped to the county's other townships.

Bears' Lair contestants poised to impress

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The table is set for the first ever Bears' Lair. The entrepreneurial competition styled after CBC's Dragons' Den television show offers the chance to win a prize package valued at \$20,000 to a deserving contestant.

An initiative of the Workforce Development Board— a community based, not-for-profit corporation serving the cities of Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes and the counties of Northumberland, Peterborough and Haliburton — the event encourages economic growth.

Four companies were chosen from the open application process to compete in the regional competition Feb. 10 at Fleming College in Haliburton.

The winner, who will be selected by a panel of judges, advances to the grand finale in Peterborough.

The contestants:

Solterra Co. Housing Ltd.

Shelley Raymond and husband Gilbert Ludlow, owners of Solterra Co. Housing Ltd., which started January 2009, want to educate Haliburton about alternative living opportunities to old-age homes for seniors.

"We're interested in introducing the concept of shared housing and constructing shared homes for retirement living in the community of Haliburton. This is a great alternative to an institutional retirement home for seniors," Raymond said in an email.

Demand by seniors, she said, is growing and is evident in data collected by Statistics Canada.

"By 2021 ... there will be 6.7 million seniors [defined as 65 and older]. By 2031 it changes to 21 per cent of our population and by 2041 it will be 9.2 million ... that doesn't sound like a lot, but by the time you get [to] 2031 there's only 76,000 long-term-care beds in the whole province of Ontario and with 3.5 million people racing towards them there's got to be a problem there," she said.

The idea first came from personal need, as both she and her husband were dealing with aging family members, who require more attention and specialized care than either of them could provide.

"It's a very difficult role. You become overwhelmed and we love them to death, but [we] are frustrated by their needs and we're both self-employed," she said, adding she looked worldwide for long-term-care ideas from places such as Denmark, United Kingdom and the U.S.

Raymond's company was born from the shared residence model for seniors of Abbyfield that started in the United Kingdom, which now has variations around the world.

Solterra provides a housing solution that provides services similar to assisted living and is described as a "mini-retirement home" that includes 40 hours of care a week.

Legally, this is a hybrid of fractional ownership and condominium ownership, leaning more to the condominium.

Raymond hired lawyers to come up with the legal documentation for the concept to work for buyers and sellers.

They have already put their concept into action, operating in Bracebridge for the past

year with one house.

Solterra has gone through the usual growing pains of a new company and Raymond has refined policies and procedures.

The lessons learned so far will be applied to new projects planned for Gravenhurst and Haliburton.

She notes that not only will her company provide housing, but also employment.

WAI Products

Brandi Hewson, sole owner and operator of WAI Products, is excited about the opportunity to participate in the Bears' Lair competition.

"Just the very acceptance of the business plan for WAI Products gave me instant reassurance and confidence," she said in an email.

"The Bears' Lair Competition provides the opportunity for financial relief but also for the support and knowledge that relates to each service, which is clearly an advantage for any business. The Bears' Lair also provides an ideal platform to present the viability of WAI Products Ltd. not to mention the publicity and ideally the gain of public support."

Wai Products Ltd. is a distributor and manufacturer's representative for a select range of water supply and irrigation products, including, but not limited to, Hanflo Poly Pipe Fittings and Valves, Hydro-Rain and Orbit Irrigation products, Gravenhurst Plastics pipe and related and Bosworth Pumps. WAI Products has been developed in response to a demand for sales and product support of innovative, high quality, reliable water and irrigation products servicing North Central Ontario.

Hewson decided to locate her business in Haliburton in order to gain a strategic foothold in North Central Ontario.

"It's an entirely different environment working in Haliburton versus working in Scarborough, putting in an irrigation system, so I understand what the needs and the differences of the market here [are] versus dealing with a distributor that's based in Scarborough," she said.

Hewson's family is also here.

With a grandfather and father who ran and owned plumbing service companies, Hewson has spent most of her life in the business, including two summers working hands-on with local plumber Chris Harrison.

This experience led to her sales and marketing position with a heat-tracing manufacturer.

She has spent the last five years working directly with Hanflo as the market manager for North America. Experience within the industry certainly poses an advantage to the success of WAI Products Ltd.

Deer Creek Custom Wood Products Ltd.

Curtis Tighe, owner of Deer Creek Custom Wood Products Ltd., believes the event will be a great way to promote local businesses.

"From the Bears' Lair competition I primarily want to gain experience in speaking to the public and promoting my business," he said.

"I think it is a great idea to spark innovation into Haliburton and surrounding areas not only through the companies that have been chosen to compete, but also other people following the competition in the media and the live events. I give Andy Campbell and the Haliburton County Development Corpo-

ration a lot of credit in coming up with such a great concept. Haliburton truly needs some new business and jobs."

Tighe offers custom woodwork, manufacturing cabinets for kitchens, bathrooms, mantels, wall units, furniture, including dining room sets, coffee tables and end tables. He adds he will be selling hardwood flooring and custom finished trim and solid wood doors. "I will also shortly be custom manufacturing signs primarily for people's homes and cottages. Basically if it's made out of wood we can do it," he said in an email.

Roller Derby League

Kayla Wilkins is keen to start a local roller derby league that will not only give women the opportunity to learn and play a sport near and dear to her heart, but to be part of the explosion of popularity occurring in the rest of the province.

"Leagues are popping up all over Ontario. I hear of a new league popping up just about every month," she said, adding she can offer coaching as a service to meet the demand.

She has more than four years of playing experience and plays for the Gore Gore Roller girls and CN Power in the Toronto Roller Derby league and coaches around Ontario, including the South Simcoe Rebel Rollers based in Orillia and Barrie.

Although most qualified coaches are from the U.S., the public demand has grown.

What she might lack in experience she makes up for in energy for her first company Brim Stone, or her sport, which she is attempting to bring to Haliburton County.

The impetus for the company was to take her sport, which was a hobby, and make it a career. Besides the league Wilkins hopes to host training camps and events.

She was raised in Haliburton County and attended the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School before going to university in Toronto and discovering roller derby.

Finale in Peterborough

This free competition was open to all new and existing small businesses of less than 100 employees and was possible because of the WDB, but also the Community Futures corporations of each area.

The winner of each region, who will receive a local prize package, will advance to the grand finale held at the Showplace Performance Centre in Peterborough on March 1. Participants here will give their pitch to "bears" in front of a live audience.

Dragons' Den Robert Herjavec is scheduled to make an appearance in Peterborough.

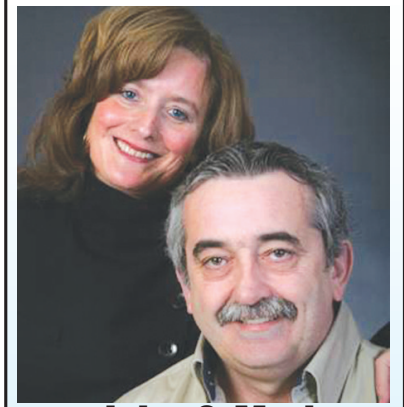
The winner will receive a prize package valued at more than \$20,000 in business products and services.

Andy Campbell of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, who is a steering committee member for the competition, said these companies' business plans all fulfilled the competition criteria and exhibited innovation and potential.

He adds each of the owners demonstrated knowledge and passion for their respective industries. Campbell encourages the public to attend the Haliburton regional competition.

Those who attend will learn about start up businesses.

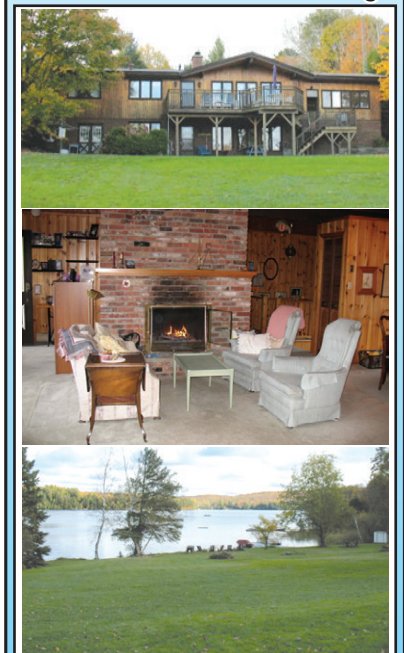
"These entrepreneurs have it what it takes to become successful," he said.



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Dancing for the love of friends

Cate Muenzel
Special to the *Echo*

Saturday, Jan. 29 found not only the roof raised at the Gooderham Community Centre, but a lot of badly needed funding for a great family as well.

What exactly was raising the roof on this cold crisp evening in January was the warm spirit of friends and family members of Stuart and Heather Taylor and their two boys Colt and Alex.

On Dec. 10, Stuart was hard at work on a job with the construction company he worked for when he took a fall off a deck.

His injuries were extensive, including a broken back and broken neck.

Stuart was always an active guy, he loved his hunting and fishing, especially with his boys alongside him, and was the fire chief in Gooderham, which kept him busy.

Stuart is now in St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

Heather has been at his side every week from Wednesday until Sunday.

On Sunday evening she makes the long

trek home to her mom and dad's house and they spend a couple of days with Heather's sons.

Heather also has to drive to Peterborough two days a week where she teaches at North Hastings High School.

Just these few things takes a lot of time and money.

It can physically and financially drain a family if they do not have help from friends and family.

Fortunately there are lots of both to go around.

People like Jason Stoughton and Gavin Simms, two of Stuart's best buddies, work relentlessly to keep awareness up and money coming in to help Stuart and his family through this most difficult time.

Other friends like Tracy Krewchek, and immediate family members who have rallied around helping out with any little thing they can to make things easier for Heather and the boys.

Heather's mom Lorna McCabe says there have been so many people rallying around she couldn't begin to name them all, but she wants them all to know how



Cate Muenzel Special to the *Echo*
Above, from left, Doug McCabe, Jason Stoughton, Gavin Simms and Lorna McCabe. In front are Colt, left, and Alex.



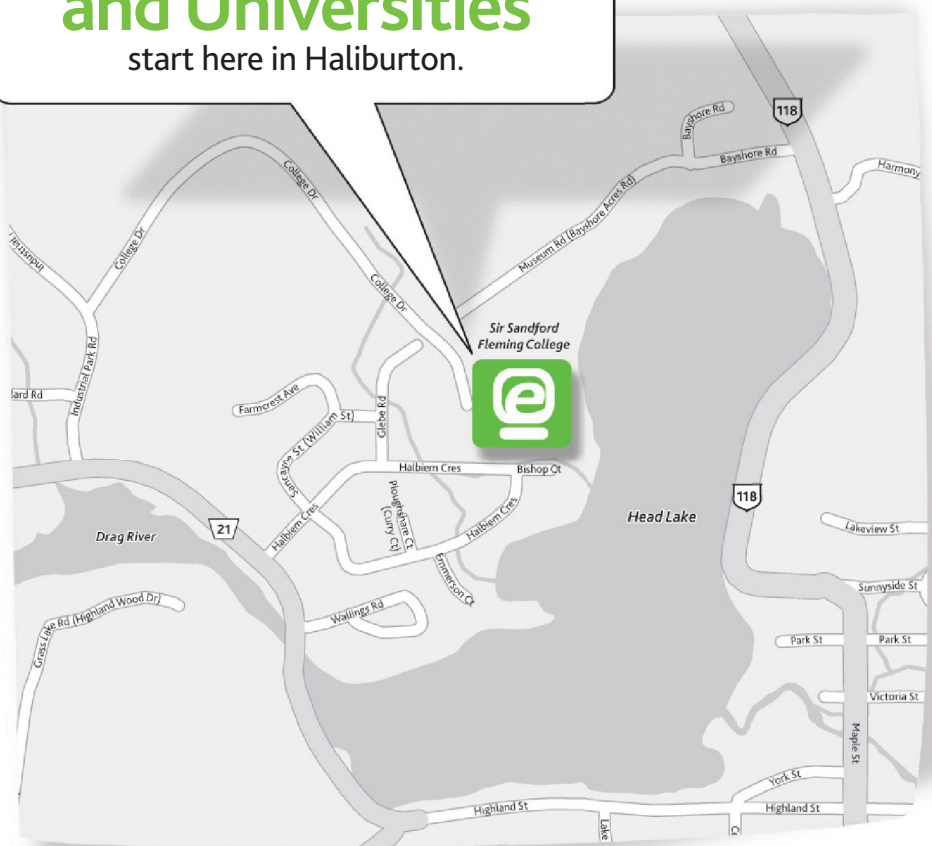
grateful the family is to them for everything that they are doing.

Colt and Alex were excited to be at the centre to kick off the dance before Grandma and Granddad took them home.

Colt says he does his mom's dishes to help out, but will be glad when his dad gets home so he can go on some ATV rides with him again and Alex says he has a nice song he is going to play for his dad on his guitar.

Maybe once the roof has settled back into place on the Gooderham Centre and the dust has settled back to the floor after all the boot scootin' we can keep in mind that Stuart and his family didn't just need help on Dec. 10, but they will need help from friends and family for a good while yet.

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Menton elected district governor of Rotary Club

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

There are still five months to go before Brian Menton officially assumes his new role with the Rotary Club but is already addicted to his BlackBerry.

Brian, 62, has been a full-time resident of Gooderham for the past 12 years and a rotarian for more than 27. In just the last few weeks he received some overwhelming yet enjoyable news: he was selected to take on the organization's role of district governor.

Scheduled to begin July 1, at which point he will serve a one-year term, Brian is officially known as the district governor elect in the interim.

"What they do is choose people three years in advance of when they physically take over," explained Brian.

This process, he said, allows future governors to train and learn the ins and outs of the job before they take on the role.

According to the organization's website, clubs are grouped into districts, each led by a district governor, who is a Rotary International officer and leads about 50 clubs. The district administration, including assistant governors and various committees, guides and supports the clubs.

Brian, along with his wife Dorothy, recently returned from a Rotary trip to San Diego where the couple met with district governor elects from all over the world, a total of 534.

While in San Diego, Brian received his official district governor jacket and tie.

According to Brian, there are 11 Canadian district governor elects, some representing regions geographically larger than his, which reaches as far north west as Kapuskasing and includes part of Quebec and the immediate surrounding area.

"I've met governors that have to go to greater lengths than ours," said Brian. "The fellow that's in Kingston has to go to Iqaluit."

The recent conference in San Diego dealt with a variety of Rotary issues including membership, retention and the foundation, all tying in this year's Rotary International theme, "Reach Within To Embrace Humanity."

"The foundation is an integral part of Rotary, it's where we get our money to do a lot of our international work and community work," said Brian. "It's just an amazing organization that brings the world together."



Dorothy and Brian Menton, seen in their Gooderham home, recently returned from a Rotary Club trip to San Diego.

One of the global causes Rotary is involved with is eradicating polio from the world. The organization's goal is to raise \$200 million by this fall and is only shy of that total by approximately \$20 million Brian said.

"There are three strains to the polio virus and we [Rotary] have eradicated one," Brian said. "They now have a vaccine that stops the other two."

"We hope to eradicate it [polio] and that will be the first non-government organization that has systematically taken on a disease. It's something we're all very proud of."

Brian became a member of Rotary International in the early 1980s while living and working as the assistant superintendent of schools in the Baffin Islands.

"I thought if you're living in a community you should do something for the community," said Brian. "I was asked to join Rotary and it was a great opportunity."

It has been 30 years since a Haliburtonian assumed the role of district governor, with Harold

Herlihey serving from 1970-1971. Prior to that Harold Black served from 1959-1960.

Brian was selected for the role as a result of his extensive involvement with the organization, which includes acting as the group study exchange chairperson, scholarship chairperson

and foundation coordinator, among other things.

Although slightly overwhelmed by the thought initially, Brian is thrilled about being selected.

"We realized when the past two district governors came to meet with us that the support was there, so we weren't going to be alone," said Dorothy. "At the club level we've got our club members' support as well, which is huge."

Although they requested a period of 24 hours to decide if they wanted to take on this task both Brian and Dorothy said the decision was an easy one.

"We did think about it and we talked about it," said Dorothy, "and we just thought we want to do this. We're really looking forward to it."

"It's an adventure," said Brian.

The responsibility, said Dorothy, will be a team effort, however, she joked it will be her job to "obey" the governor.

In the end it is their dedication to the organization that has the couple excited about the new chapter they are about to embark on.

"I said to Brian at one point during the conference that it just blows you away that there is this organization that is so worldwide and doing such wonderful things," said Dorothy.

"And we all get paid the same whether you're a club member or a district governor you get paid the same, it's a volunteer organization. There's no hierarchy," said Brian.

Lots of early support in Bancroft

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"We had all our sponsorships established by early December," said Foyster. "It's amazing."

The new location, said Foyster, is also better because it's right on a snowmobile trail.

Murray Fearrey, reeve of Dysart et al and warden of Haliburton County, was unaware of the event's relocation but remains confident other events in the area will attract tourists to the county.

"We're sorry to lose any events but new events are coming to the county as well," said Fearrey.

Haliburton County's director of economic development, Bob Smith, was also unaware of

the move.

"We don't like to see any event move out of the county because events bring people and people spend money," said Smith.

During its inaugural year in 2008, the Highland Cup was held on Head Lake.

In 2009, the event was cancelled due to economic reasons, and was eventually relocated to Pinestone Resort in 2010.

When contacted management at Pinestone Resort said they were unaware the event had been relocated outside of the county.

For more information on the Madawaska Cup visit www.highspeedmotorsports.ca.



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Canada AM visits Winterdance

The team from Winterdance Dogsled Tours will be getting more national exposure this week when Canada AM airs its segment on the popular Highlands experience this Friday, just in time for the Yukon Quest dogsled race.

Loren Christie, travel editor for the CTV morning program, visited Haliburton at the end of January to film the piece to promote Winterdance co-owner Hank DeBruin's

entry in the Yukon Quest.

The segment will run Friday, Feb. 4 – one day before DeBruin sets out on the two-week, 1,000-mile race across the Arctic.

Beginning in Whitehorse, mushers will travel across the icy terrain north to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The event is equipped with a live tracking website for the race. Go to www.yukonquest.com/site/live-tracking/ to see more.

Canada AM interviews Hank DeBruin for an upcoming segment to air this week on CTV.

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Canada AM contributor Loren Christie visited Winterdance for a travel segment to air Feb. 4.



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AGM proves making maple syrup a labour of love

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It may taste sweet but making maple syrup is anything but.

Members of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association gathered at the Buckhorn Community Centre on Jan. 28 for their annual general meeting, which included a presentation on food safety management, a panel discussion on marketing best practices and demonstrations on how to make value-added maple products.

Founded in 1966, the association was formed to encourage the development, expansion and improvement of the maple syrup industry in Ontario.

Attended by both large- and small-scale producers from throughout the region, the event highlighted the dedication and commitment that is necessary to be a successful maker of maple syrup.

While many of those in attendance admitted to producing syrup as a hobby, or a labour of love, others such as Eric Thompson of Maple Moon Winery, were dependent on the sweet syrup as their primary source of income.

During a panel discussion on how to best market your product and get it into consumers' cupboards, Thompson argued that success comes from understanding your market.

"You want to work with your market," said Thompson in reference to how to price your product. "We sit in the middle of the pack and we'll stay there."

Producers discussed the benefits of creating individual labels, customizing packaging, offering a variety of sizes and branding the product.

"I highly recommend branding," said Thompson. "You want to create a logo and use it on everything that way people will associate it with your product."

Advertising in many forms and streams was also discussed as a way to bring people onto your site of operation and as a result buying your product.

"There are a lot of ways to advertise including creating a website, Facebook page, running ads in the newspaper or on the radio and partnering with different organizations," said Sam McLean of McLean Berry Farms in Buckhorn.

"It's also about public relations," said Betty Anne Shaw of Martin's Pure Maple Products. "I have schools that come every year to our site for tours. Those kids might turn around and come back with their families."

"It's about educating people 12 months a year," said Thompson.

All three producers agreed that the quality of the product is proven based on the number of repeat customers a producer receives.

"I get calls from everywhere for our product," said Shaw. "I think that speaks to the quality of our product."

"Every producer thinks their product is the best and every producer takes pride in their product," said McLean. "We've had people come in and tell us they don't like maple syrup and then they come back again for more."

Many producers discussed the benefits of offering value-added products such as maple butter and maple sugar.

Following the panel discussion Sam McLean and Brenda Steed, executive members of the association, demonstrated how to make products such as maple butter and stirred maple sugar for those in attendance.



Brenda Steed adds a spoonful of pre-made maple butter as she demonstrates how to make maple butter at the annual general meeting of the Haliburton-Kawartha Maple Syrup Producers Association.

Angelica Blenich
Echo staff

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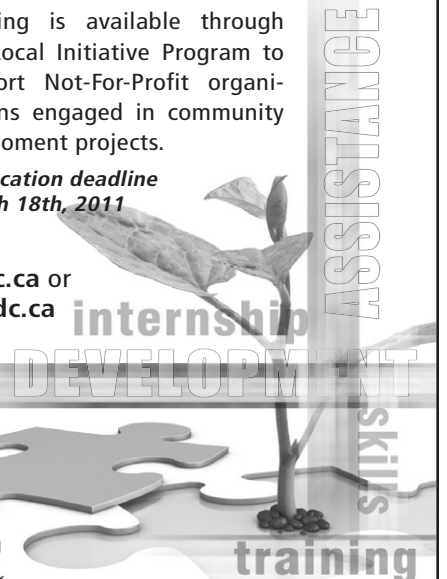
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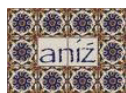


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Highlands Male Chorus beats winter blues

The lights were bright for members of the Highlands Male Chorus as the stars pulled out their shades to perform the classic song *Under the Boardwalk* during the performance of *Winter Be Gone!* at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Jan. 30. Highlighting the talent of 20 male singers, the concert featured gospel, blues and contemporary pieces under the direction of Melissa Stephens and accompanied by Betty Mills.

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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

Try on some big feet

A lot of us remember when snowshoeing was the domain of trappers and other outdoors types. Back then you wore snowshoes for practical reasons – to check a trap line or to return home after your snowmobile broke down.

The classic wood and rawhide models were synonymous with backcountry winter travel. And, as such, they carried an aura of romance and rugged independence.

Over the last few years, however, snowshoes have been reinvented. Now made of metal with tougher webbing, they're lighter, smaller and easier to use. And these advancements have led to the rise of recreational snowshoeing.

That's a good thing.

There's nothing like snowshoeing on a sunny winter's day to help beat the winter blahs. The serene beauty of a snow-covered landscape is hard to describe. Break a trail off the beaten path and you'll soon be immersed in a countryside that hasn't been visited since winter's onset.

And while using modern snowshoes is relatively easy, it still helps if you understand a few basics.

First, if in a group, take turns at trail break-

ing. That means allowing one person to lead while everyone else follows on his or her track. Then, alternate. This allows everyone to share the load.

Here in Haliburton, hills and slopes are the norm. Fortunately, modern snowshoes, with their attached crampons, make short work of these, gripping much better than the ones your dad wore.

A good pair of ski poles also helps. They aid your leg muscles by allowing you to use upper body strength. They're also useful when checking snow depth or probing for where a creek bank or snow-covered log ends.

When ascending, the herringbone method helps. Basically, step uphill with your snowshoes pointed about 45 degrees apart. Each small step is planted firmly in front of the other. Lean into the hill, using your poles for balance and support.

A more aggressive way of climbing steeper slopes involves kicking the toes of your snowshoes into the snow, ideally right to the boot. Then, step down hard so that you pack a step. Once your footing is secure, repeat the process with the other foot, step up, and do it again. Once again, share the load with your poles.

Perhaps the easiest way is to zigzag up a

slope. This reduces fatigue because, instead of ascending, say 40 feet in 40 steps, you ascend that height in perhaps 160 steps because of the longer zigzag route. It's slower but easier on your muscles as it reduces the angle of ascent.

Descending a hill is much the same, but in reverse. There's no great trick to it other than choosing a reasonable route.

Water crossings

One cardinal safety rule, when crossing frozen water, is to always undo your snowshoe harnesses. This allows you to kick off snowshoes quickly should you break through. A better plan is to avoid questionable ice altogether, however. That means steer wide of creeks, rivers, small ponds, beaver lodges or any moving water. Ice on them is, at worst, dangerous and, at best, unpredictable.

Be prepared

Be prepared for the best and worst a winter's day can offer. Dress light enough so that you don't overheat when moving, but heavy enough to keep warm when you take a break. Sunglasses are advisable since sunlight off the snow is hard on unprotected eyes. Pack along high-energy snacks too, if you're going to be out for long.

Though we generally retrace our tracks, I



Snowshoes can help stamp out winter blahs.

Steve Galea photo

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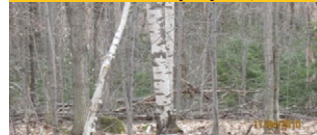
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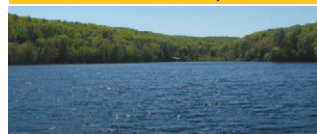
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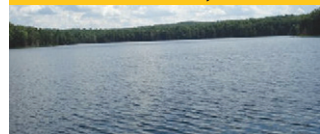
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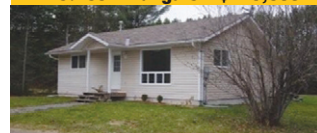
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Sports



Homebuilders score goals for good cause

The Haliburton County Homebuilders scored big at the 13th annual charity hockey tournament held at the Dysart Community Centre on Jan. 28, 29 and 30. According to organizer Aggie Tose the three-day event was well attended and featured a variety of teams including Churko Electric, Haliburton Realtors and Walker's Heating. All proceeds from the event were donated to the Haliburton 4Cs and the Minden Food Bank



Above, a player from G's Unit brings the puck up to the net.

Left, Walker's Heating, in green, takes on Gary Burtch Construction's team, known as G's Unit, in the final game of the Homebuilders tournament on Jan. 30.

Below, players reach for the puck.



Photos by Angelica Blenich



Members of the Haliburton Realtors team congratulate themselves on a well-played game.



Players from the Haliburton Realtors, in red, take on Churko Electric on Jan. 30 during the final day of the tournament.



Winterdance visits SBES

Winterdance comes every year to visit the Grade 3 class. Mrs. Metzger organizes the event that started with incorporating this activity with Science – forces (friction is working [sliding] or breaking – friction therefore stopping, pulling).

-Submitted by Madame Zahab

At left, Jamie Holden and Emily Mathers enjoy a dogsled ride given by the Winterdance dogsled team courtesy of Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready.

At right, Jill Mawbey and Ellie Berdun buckle in for the ride.

Photos by John Stephen
Special to the Echo



JOIGNEZ-VOUS AU DÉBAT SUR LES SOINS DE SANTÉ DANS LES RÉGIONS RURALES ET LE NORD DE L'ONTARIO

Les recommandations du Comité d'étude des services de santé dans les collectivités rurales et du Nord sur la manière de mieux coordonner les services de santé dans les régions rurales et le Nord de l'Ontario ont été affichées à des fins de commentaires. Le rapport est accessible à Ontario.ca/santereionsruralesnord ou en composant le 1 800 503-8654.

Dans le cadre de l'élaboration d'un nouveau plan sur les soins de santé pour les régions rurales et le Nord de l'Ontario, le gouvernement de l'Ontario veut savoir ce que vous avez à dire au sujet de ces recommandations.

Une discussion sous forme de table ronde régionale aura lieu près de chez vous :

Haliburton
Le 8 février 2011
De 13 h à 15 h 30
Legion Hall
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La consultation est animée par Madame Liz Sandals, députée, adjointe parlementaire à la ministre de la Santé et des Soins de longue durée, et par le député Rick Johnson.

Les tables rondes régionales font partie des moyens par lesquels les citoyens peuvent faire part de leurs observations au gouvernement à propos des services de santé dans les régions rurales et le Nord de l'Ontario. Pour en savoir plus ou présenter des observations personnelles, rendez-vous à Ontario.ca/santereionsruralesnord ou faites le 1 800 503-8654.

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Bantam C girls defeat Markham-Stouffville

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C Storm girls' hockey team finished their regular season Saturday afternoon on the road, taking on the Markham-Stouffville Stars. The time between our last tournament win and Saturday's game showed, as the girls were a little rusty with the two weeks with no games.

They battled and defeated the aggressive Stars with a 3-2 victory. Erin Little had a dynamite game scoring the first two markers and Sydney Feir finished off another determined effort by Erin Little stuffing home the game winner late in the third period.

The Highland Storm Bantam C girls will start their provincial play-downs in the Bantam B loop, once regular season playoffs have been scheduled ... stay tuned.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Midget Storm ties Loyalist Jets

Sunday in Minden the Haliburton Timbr-Mart Storm Minor Midgets Tied The Loyalist Township Jets 2-2 in overtime gaining one point each in their best of seven series. The first team to gain eight points will advance to the OMHA finals. Storm Goalie Darcy Schmidt was spectacular in the hometown net. Mike Dack and Kieran Poropat each had a goal and an assist for the Storm with Tyler Stamp picking up a helper. The Minor Midgets travel to Amersview this coming weekend and their next home game is Saturday, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m. in Minden. Thanks to all our local fans who came out to support the team!

Submitted by Wade MacInnes

Bantam AE finds victory against Omemee

The Highland Storm Bantam AE continue to battle on two fronts as they are still in the second leg of the Tri County League regular season and in the OMHA play downs. In regular season action the Storm had three games this week. Their first opponent was the Lindsay Muskies. They went down to defeat 2-1 with Braden Roberts scoring their only goal. Next came the Sturgeon Thunder on Friday and in a back and forth struggle the home team were defeated 6-4. Braden Roberts, Tyler Casey, Hunter Bishop, and Stuart Searle each tallied once in the loss. On Sunday

Omeme visited Minden and in a tight checking contest the Storm proved victorious. Tyler Casey had the only goal of the match while Logan Churko earned the shut out.

In the play downs the Storm entered the week with a one game to nothing lead on the Mariposa Lightning. On Thursday night the Storm welcomed the Lightning to Haliburton. Hunter Bishop opened the scoring at 1:24 of the first. The visitors responded quickly and tied the game with just 32 seconds left in the period. The second period was scoreless but Bishop scored early in the third to put the Storm ahead once again. Both teams played hard the rest of the way and in the final minutes the Lightning pulled their goalie. They applied intense pressure and perhaps deserved a goal but goaltender Logan Churko came up with a couple of big glove saves late in the period to preserve the victory.

The Storm went to Mariposa on Saturday for Game 3. The visitors came out with a lot of fire for this game. Churko was once again stellar for the Storm while the offense was relentless. Kirk Lopez led the way for the Highlanders with three goals. Braden Roberts, Tyler Casey, and Hunter Bishop all added singles and the Storm won 6-1. The complete domination by the Storm brought out the worst in the Lightning. Their frustration led to a loss of control and they went after the Storm players with Connor Gadway being the prime target. Coaches Drew Bishop and Steve Churko kept a firm grip on the emotions of their team and they kept their cool despite the tactics of the opposing team. They won the series three games to none. The Bantams are sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Peewee AEs easily beat Port Carling

Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs played their second playoff game against Port Carling on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 2:30 p.m. in Port Carling.

Once again our boys seemed to sit back on their heels thinking of an easy win, not a good thing to underestimate your opponent!

The Highland Storm team was also down two players, so there was extra skating by all. The relaxed attitude of the Storm boys, resulted in Port Carling scoring the first goal of the game as well as the first goal against the Storm all sea-

son. This woke up the boys and they started playing, but this time Port Carling made them work for it.

The Peewee AEs went on to win 8-1 therefore eliminating Port Carling from the OMHA playoffs, and moving on to the next round themselves, to as yet unnamed opponents, who no doubt will be tougher than Port Carling.

Goals went to, Alex Wilbee (2), Regan Casey (2), Mac Rider, Josh Rowden (2) and Mitch Billings. Assists go to, Regan Casey, Greg Crofts (4), Jake Bull (2), John Morrison (2), Mac Rider (2), Alex Wilbee and Tim Burgess.

Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs will more than likely continue the OMHA playoffs the weekend of Feb. 12 and 13, though no games are scheduled yet.

Submitted by Karena Crofts

Wilberforce Rockets zoom past Jets

The Tyke and Junior Wilberforce Rockets hockey teams took on their neighbouring Bancroft Jets in two games Sunday, Jan. 30.

The Tykes launched themselves past the Jets with a stunning 9-6 win, while the Juniors ended up tying their Bancroft opponents 2-2.

Submitted by Nancy Bird

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Wardens' caucus invest in satellite Internet

➤ Affordable high-speed access for rural residents in eastern Ontario expected in 2012

Jerome Lessard
QMI Agency

High-speed Internet is now a reality for hundreds of people and businesses in eastern Ontario.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), as part of their \$170 million regional broadband project, has awarded a contract to Barrett Xplore Inc., through its XploreNet brand, to provide immediate and more affordable high-speed Internet access via satellite to residents

across Ontario.

The Woodstock firm offers residents living in rural communities up to 1.5 megabit per second (Mbps) broadband access package for \$69.99 per month with an upfront one-time cost as low as \$99 depending on contract length.

"This is an exciting day for us," stated Jo-Anne Albert, warden of Hastings County and EOWC member. "Working with Barrett Xplore to launch these satellite services helps us ensure that residents and businesses who live and work in our communities, especially those in most rural areas, will get access to high speed Internet at more affordable prices, which is vital for our local economy."

Residents located within the EOWC region, which extends from Northumberland and Hastings Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes in the west to the Quebec border and north through Renfrew County (but excludes the City of Ottawa), will benefit from new technologies as the Barrett network evolves, stated J. Murray Jones, chairman

of the EOWC.

"This announcement is a major step forward in the creation of our new ultra high-speed broadband network we call EORN, or Eastern Ontario Regional Network," stated Jones in a press release.

The availability of affordable high-speed Internet services via satellite has been one of the EOWC's key goal.

Starting in 2012, Barrett's new 4G network will be available in the EOWC region by using High-Throughput Satellites that will be capable of speeds up to 25 Mbps, "and will offer better value for end customers," said Jones.

The federal government and Ontario will jointly provide two-thirds of the total eligible costs of the project, to a maximum combined contribution of \$110 million or \$55 million each toward the \$170 million cost of EORN.

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The Sustainable Renovations program partners with the owners of existing buildings to undertake an extensive renovation project, with the aim of dramatically improving the energy efficiency, occupant health, comfort, beauty and value of the building.

In order to best meet the needs of both the class and the client, the following criteria have been established to allow potential clients to determine their compatibility with the program and for the college to judge suitability of the project.

- Although private projects will be considered, priority will be given to projects for not-for-profit agencies or public institutions, or to projects that are otherwise open to the public.
- The building must be fully owned by the client, or written approvals from the mortgage holder must be obtained prior to entering into an agreement with the program.
- The building owner must demonstrate the financial ability to undertake the project. The building owner will cover the costs for all consultant fees, permits, construction materials and trades required for the project, as per the budget agreed to by the program and the owner.
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- Building owners should be willing to allow the program to have creative input into the selection of materials and finishes.
- Projects offering a wide scope of work, including some structural and mechanical improvements, will be given priority. Projects offering new additions as well as retrofitting will also be given priority.
- Ideally buildings should be unoccupied for the duration of the renovation.
- Practical considerations including available yard space, parking and location will be considered.

If you or your organization is interested in having a building renovated as part of the 2011 (September through December) Sustainable Renovations program, please provide a letter of interest to:

Ted Brandon, Training Officer
Fleming College
P.O. Box 839
Haliburton, Ontario
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Your letter of interest should address each of the criteria outlined above. The deadline for letters of interest is Feb 25, 2011. For more information visit Fleming's website at www.flemingcollege.com or contact Ted Brandon at 705-457-1680 or tbrandon@flemingc.on.ca

Haliburton museum 2010 sustainable renovation project



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Monster reward for local fans

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Days after he still can't believe it. For Clay Glecoff and his nine-year-old son Ethan, it was a dream come true when professional Monster Jam truck owner and driver Tom Meents gave them an experience they will never forget.

Ethan had few words, but his ear-to-ear grin said it all, after being picked out of more than 30,000 people in attendance at Monster Jam to receive Meents's competition helmet at the Rogers Centre in Toronto on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Clay, in contrast, couldn't speak fast enough, recalling the experience: Meents was making his way up the stairs, looking for someone to give his helmet to, while Clay did everything he could to make sure he and his son got noticed.

"Ethan, he's coming, he's coming - get your sign up. Get on your seat! He got on his seat [but was still not seen]. Then I said, 'Forget it! I grabbed him and put him on my shoulders and

said, 'Excuse me, excuse me' [towards Meents]... because I saw him coming to our aisle," he said. "I'm yelling, 'Tom, holding on to my son."

Meents came over to them in the 100 level of the stadium and put the helmet on his son, as the fans around them cheered and took photos of the exchange.

The excited father knew about Meents's tradition of giving his helmet to fans with an eye-catching sign and although he spent four hours on his professional looking Bristol board, clear-coat painted sign, he thought he only had a "slim chance."

Ethan ended up sleeping with the helmet the night he got it.

The entire Glecoff family, including wife Amy and daughter Emily, 11, visited with the drivers, particularly Meents, who posed for photos and signed the helmet, the sign and clothing.

It was the first Monster Jam event he had ever attended and he joked there is no way to top such an experience.

The tickets for the event were for Clay's birthday and came from his sister-in-law, who was also there with



Photo submitted
Left, Ethan Glecoff, 9, was all smiles after he had his sign and newly received helmet signed by Monster Jam truck driver Tom Meents, who owns and drives the Maximum Destruction truck.

her boyfriend.

Clay's interest in the sport came from his father-in-law Don Truelove, who was out of the country in Thailand, but was envious that Clay got to meet Meents, his favourite driver.

When it comes to success, Meents, who is an eight-time world finals racing champion, and his Maximum Destruction team, is a perennial favourite, rivaled only by legendary driver Dennis Anderson and his team Grave Digger in the Monster Jam series.

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Three cars crash at Highland Street and Cedar Ave.

A woman stands beside her vehicle in a three-car collision at the corner of Highland Street and Cedar Avenue on Jan. 27. Traffic slowed on the street for about 30 minutes while emergency workers cleared the scene. No one was injured.

Jenn Watt Echo staff



Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a TREASURER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Treasurer. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Treasurer will perform the statutory duties of Treasurer as set forth in applicable provincial legislation. In this position, you will be responsible for the following:

- Supervision of three full-time staff in tax collection, accounts payable/receivable, and payroll.
- Coordinate and lead the annual budget process, development of long-term capital/operating budget forecasts.
- Responsible for GL, FIR completions, monthly operating statements, taxation and municipal revenue functions.
- Maintain asset inventory in compliance with PSAB.
- Preparation of required financial statements and reports to Council and Senior Staff.
- Coordinate all audit requirements.
- Human Resources and payroll functions including benefit administration.
- Oversee insurance plans and risk management issues.
- Computer software maintenance and back-up systems.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- A related post secondary education or university degree with an accounting designation, or a related mix of education and experience.
- Municipal finance courses. Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government finance, municipal financial planning, financial information systems, municipal financial reporting, taxation experience, budgetary processes, and supervisory experience.
- Excellent interpersonal, financial, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication, presentation, staff leadership and supervisory skills.
- Advanced computer skills including thorough knowledge of accounting software, spreadsheet and data base management (USTI municipal software experience an asset)

Salary Range : \$81,539 - \$91,772 subject to meeting all qualifications

Applicants must indicate how they meet the minimum qualifications in their resume. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your resume in confidence by 4:00 p.m. on **February 18, 2011** to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.

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The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Clerk-Planning Administrator. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Clerk-Planning Administrator will perform a wide variety of functions including the statutory and advisory duties of Clerk as set forth in applicable provincial legislation.

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- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government, municipal administration and land use planning.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Strong computer skills.

Salary Range : \$59,342.89 - \$66,790.95 (under review)

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Whacha textin' 'bout, Willis?

Passing Lane
Joe Duarte

QMI Agency

I know that it's meant to be progressive but is the banning of hand held devices while driving an antiquated law?

More people than ever are acquiring mobile communications devices. I wonder if you can even name three people aged older than 13 who don't have a mobile phone; and, many people are even forsaken the traditional telephone since all members of their households have mobile devices and the "land line" is quickly becoming a tool mostly for communicating with telemarketers ... and you don't answer their calls!

And although once, the primary use of a cellphone (even that term is old) was a tool for the rich and busy to keep in touch with the office and clients by never missing a call, today's mobile device is a planner, a source of entertainment, a quick reference and a navigation device, among its countless other uses. An, oh yeah, you can use it as a telephone, too.

A recent study showed that for the first time in history, our mobile phones were used more for sending messages back and forth than they were to talk back and forth. I have two kids who text back and forth in the back seat of the car when we're on an extended trip ... mostly because they don't want to remove their ear-buds in order to listen to the other.

And we're just getting started.

You can already program your home cable/satellite to record the television show you might otherwise miss because you were stuck in traffic, or watch that show on your Smartphone while; you're supposed to be watching the kids' hockey practice; you can remotely start your car on these frigid mornings or can make sure the doors are locked after your plane lands a continent or two away; you can quickly see when your vehicle's next service appointment is due and make that appointment; you can see when the next bus is coming by that very stop where you're at; and, you can control the charging cycle of your electric vehicle.

The plain fact is that today's mobile devices go beyond being held up to your ear, which is really the only way a police officer is going to be able to observe you breaking the law.

Now, if our governments would like to divert all the cash generated from these fines toward research into open-idea software to allow all of us to automatically and effortlessly link our phones to our cars as soon as we get in, then that would be progressive thinking.

I have no doubt that soon, at the wheel, we'll be able to control all our phone's functions by voice; let's just hope we don't lose that ability to communicate by the time that function is available.

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Pipes a-freezin! don'tcha know

Well if Teeny House (that's what I call my cottage here in Lake WhaddyathinkI mean), didn't freeze like deer in the headlights. But THIS deer stopped the water from running, the toilet from flushing and my washing machine from doing a jig. Not a happy thing, when you have to do



you know what in the middle of the night, don'tcha know.

Thirty-three degrees below zero in January?! Or was it thirty-eight? It felt like minus a GAZILLION.

Now ol' Maybelle may not have a lot of meat on my bones, but you'd think that wearing three wool sweaters, two pairs of

long-Janes, thick thermal undiepants, a double layer twill T-shirt, Michael Jackson cut-off-at-the-fingers gloves, plus sub-zero socks as thick as a goat's coat in winter would have kept this ol' gal toasty warm INSIDE my cottage.

Well, it didn't! The cold air went straight through me like a spicy burrito!

And Teeny House wasn't alone. Why folks from every part of Lake W were lining up at Arfie Winderhoffer's Village Store, Confectionary and Gas Pump buying up every blow dryer

he had in stock.

That's how many pipes were frozen!

So you can imagine how our mud rooms looked with all of us dressed up like Eskimos aiming blow dryers at pipes and icy floors praying for the gurgle of moving water.

And when it came, it was like the whole town won the lottery. Why you never saw so many people so happy just flushing their toilets. I swear you could hear them all the way from the village, louder than church bells on Sunday morning.

FLUSSSHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!

And you know what? That was the first time I saw Bogart laugh. Call me crazy, but that bear DID laugh! So hard, he buckled over and rolled on the floor like his sides were splitting.

Vilma Yuccch thought it was funny, too. Why if she didn't tape record it from her tie-dye studio above Twindle Mumbly's B&B & Taxidermy and send it down to CanoeFM in Holyburton so everybody out there in radio land could hear it, too. Which sparked me to do the same on my radio show, don'tcha know.

But most of all, I like what Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom did when he heard the big flush. Why he got Beanpole Starkman to fly two hundred rolls of toilet paper from his Tiger Moth bi-plane over the village and play, "From the Bottom of my Heart," over a loud speaker.

Scuse me a second, looks like Bogart's going out.

Bogart, dear. Where you going?
Mama Maybelle, people need me.

They do?

Yes, I am big and warm. I can be a heating blanket for people in need.

Did you hear that? Why if he isn't the most big-hearted bear!

Okay, you go ahead, then. But make sure you're home by dark. Not everyone knows you as their friend.

Yes, Mama M. And don't worry. I'll save my warmest hug for you.

Aw. I was hoping you might say that.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is writ-

ten by Jerelyn Craden. You can hear Jerelyn sing on Saturday, Feb. 19, 8 to 11 p.m. at Pinestone's Highlanders Lounge. For reservations: 705-457-1800.

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Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.,
CAO/Clerk.
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Please contact Donna Arnold or Delaine Sisson at the Employment Resource Centre (705)457-2020.



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"Thank you for the opportunity to enroll in TIOW! My skills are now up to date, I have gained a new level of confidence and I am feeling excited about future work experiences." - Dani Stahle

"The experience made me realize my potential, how to present it to a potential employer, and utilize my strengths and values in my search for a new career." - Ted Cumber

I'm still sharing the good news about TIOW whenever I get the chance. It really opened up to me/for me, the possibility of opportunity right here in Haliburton county. It's my belief that the older worker in Haliburton tries to prepare themselves for being unemployed, under-employed and to deal with the hopelessness of that situation. TIOW created a "support group" feeling for me. And feeling supported is essential for moving on, to new endeavors like going back to school/continuing education or training. The "tools" we needed were made available to us. I hope to see in the future that it will expand to include the other age groups. The program is very much needed in Haliburton County and will be needed for some years to come.

Thanx to everyone involved.

Your most ardent cheerleader,
Brenda



David Mantha spotted this deer.



This photo was submitted by Gery Gough. He photographed this Pine Martin (identified by Chris Coumbs) at Drag Lake.



Ed Gibbons sent in this image of wolves eating a carcass.

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Loop Troupe to put on play in March

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

As they say, it's a go.

The Loop Troupe will be presenting a play this season.

That Was No Lady, That Was A Private Eye will be produced on the Lloyd Watson Centre stage on March 4 and 5.

The 10-member cast definitely will portray the good guys/bad guys characters usually seen in detective stories. But some surprising twists will give audiences opportunities to chuckle.

The title suggests one such reversal. Yes, the featured private investigator is female.

There will be more to report on this endeavour as the excited cast and supporting crew prepare over the next five weeks to get this show ready for your enjoyment.

Perhaps it was the fine winter day, or maybe the word is out that there are some good soup and cake makers in town.

About 80 people partook of lunch offered by St. Margaret's people last Thursday.

As well as those who enjoyed the meal at the church, some unable to attend had theirs delivered by Flo Taylor and Rev. Anne Moore. And the Wilberforce School staff had takeout too.

Thanks to all who provided the food and those who dined.

Though winter will be around for a while yet, the Highlands Male Chorus helped its audience to forget it for a while last Sunday afternoon.

At the Northern Lights Pavilion in a concert entitled Winter Be Gone they raised their voices harmoniously in a delightful program.

It ranged from the inspirational You Raise Me Up to the rousing Old Dan Tucker

and What Do You Do With A Drunken Sailor. Old favourites such as Time Goes By and Bridge Over Troubled Waters were included.

The audience was well entertained by these 18 baritones, basses and tenors who appeared to be having a good time as they sang out some very challenging selections.

And who knew some of these gentlemen including Wilberforce's Mark Bramham could be such actors as well as musicians?

First tenor David Mills sings a solo during the Male Chorus performance of *You Raise Me Up*. See more on page 17.



Check out our website and photo gallery
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Notices

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Alcohol and Gaming
Commission of Ontario



Notice of Liquor Licence Application

The following establishment has applied to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario for a liquor licence under the *Liquor Licence Act*:

Application for a Sales Licence

WIGAMOG INN

1701 WIGAMOG ROAD, R.R. 2
HALIBURTON (Indoor and outdoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make a written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **February 8, 2011**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Commission, please identify the designated contact person. **Note:** The AGCO gives the applicant copies of any objections. Anonymous objections are not considered.

The personal information gathered is collected under the authority of the *Liquor Licence Act*. The principal purpose of the collection is to assess eligibility for the issuance of a liquor sales licence. Copies of all objections are given to the applicant. The information may also be disclosed pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Questions about this collection should be directed to the Manager, Licensing and Registration, Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario at the address, telephone numbers or e-mail address listed below.

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Municipality of Dysart et al

135 Maple Avenue,

P.O. Box 389,

Haliburton, ON. K0M 1S0

Telephone: 705.457.1740 Fax: 705.457.1964

Email: info@dysartetel.ca Website: www.dysartetel.ca

NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD

DATE: February 14th, 2011

TIME: Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of an original allowance for road located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

Owner: Mike and Jill Feder
Location: Acorn Trail – Haliburton Lake.

- Part of Original Allowance for Road between Concessions 8 and 9, Part of Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 14, Concession 8 and Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of the Original Allowance for Road between Concessions 8 and 9, Geographic Township of Harburn.
- Defined as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Greg Bishop O.L.S. dated August 6th, 2010, being available for review in the Planning Department.

Owner: William Davis, Freda Davis and Gerane Tyers
Location: Lake Avenue – Haliburton.

- Part of Original Allowance for Road, between Lots 15 & 16, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart.
- Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3, on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Consulting Ltd. dated November 4th, 2010, being available for review in the Planning Department.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 20th day of January, 2011

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

\$800 raised at St. George's for scholarship

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Many people were involved in preparing Luigi's Lasagna Dinner on Jan. 28 at St. George's church. Guilford residents who headed up the preparation, serving and clean up, however, were Barb and Wayne Fawcett and George and Sylvia Claridge.

Donations at the door amounted to over \$800 from the nearly 80 in attendance and this goes into the scholarship fund for youth when these students graduate from high school.

Thanks to all who contributed financially or who made the absolutely delicious lasagnas.

The décor of lattice work and vines, candlelight on tables created a pleasing atmosphere for the generous meal and friendship and visiting.

Bill Gliddon, George Claridge with Tes Scholtes on guitars accompanied the hymn-sing afterwards up in

the church proper. Favourites had been previously selected.

Several Guilford residents participated in the annual Burns Night celebration which is recorded on page 1 and 5. Of course, I am enormously proud of Earl's contribution to the band over its 40 years in existence, he being pipe major for the first 23 years.

Thanks so much to Bill Elliot for his reading of The Immortal Memory, the customary tribute to Burns on this occasion, and for his address to the haggis, made all the more enjoyable because of the authentic Scottish accent.

Thanks to his wife Helen for making the haggis. There wasn't any left over!

Neil and Carol Alexander contributed by their drumming in the band and by the organization of the buffet at the end of the evening's entertainment of music and dance. Jim Milne led the Scottish country dances beginning with The Gay Gordons and including the Canadian Burns Dance and the Cumberland Reel. Well done all 'round!

Last Tuesday evening's euchre scores: high - Ann McIvor and Ray Sisson; low - Myra Marshall and Ed Muenzel; most lone hands - Pearl Kernohan and Henk van Nood; specials - Barbara Brownsberger and Tom McCartney.

Due to a typographical error, last week's *Echo* stated the Men's Breakfast Ministry was founded in 1905. That date should have read 1995.



HALIBURTON BIA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 9 - 7:00pm
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Thursday, May 12/11: **MADE IN DAGENHAM**

Thursday, June 9/11: **THE KING'S SPEECH**

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February 4, 5 & 6, 2011
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to the **UR** Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca



• **Haliburton County: Prenatal Classes** in the villages of Minden and Haliburton. Join these free classes offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Find out about class times and schedules by calling toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 324-3569.

• **Bereavement Group:** Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know some one in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.

• **Community Care City of Kawartha Lakes Health and Support Services** is currently recruiting volunteers to assist in the Adult Day Program in the following areas: Bobcaygeon, Fenlon Falls, Omemee, and Burnt River. Volunteers assist staff with programs for socially isolated seniors and people with special needs such as physical or developmental disabilities. Social, recreational and physical activities are offered in caring, friendly, safe environments. Training Provided. Contact Eileen MacCormack for further information 705-324-7323 x 274 or emacormack@community-care.on.ca.

• **Ladies Night at the Dorest Recreational Center.** Ladies, join in for an evening of fun at this new monthly activity (to take place the 1st Wednesday of the month) The inaugural Ladies Night starting at 7pm on January 5 has a theme of "Spa Night". The cost is \$5 per person and all ladies are welcome. Call the Rec Center to sign up.

• **February 3: LIFT, Ladies In Fellowship Together** is hosting speaker Heather Fountain with music by Nancy Picard, also featuring Bonnie Thompson, in-print at the Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton from 7:30-9:30 p.m. for more information please contact Julia at 705-286-4943

• **February 4: Highland Lakes Community Church Bread for Life Dinner:** will be held the first Friday of every month (beginning Feb. 4) at the Minden Hills Community Centre. Doors open at 12:00 lunch served from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Share a free hot meal and good conversation with your neighbors. Everyone Welcome. For more information contact 705-286-0700 or Web: highlandlakesccc.weebly.com

• **February 5: Haliburton County Snowmobile Association Poker Run:** Registration 9:00 a.m. Starting and finishing at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall 1123 North Shore Rd, Algonquin Highlands. Top B Trail North of Carnarvon. \$40.00 (Poker hand/BBQ/draw). \$30.00 extra hand. \$5.00 lunch only. Hands must be drawn before 4 p.m. Top 5 hands win a prize BBQ included. Free draws included. For more information contact 705-457-4263 or check out the website at www.hcsa.on.ca or Email snowmobile@hcsa.on.ca

• **February 7, 2011 CLIMBING CLUB** Come out and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing! The Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents CLIMBING CLUB will take place at Camp Medeba Monday evenings Feb. 7, 14, 28, March 7, 21 April 4, and 11th. Families' 6:30 to 8:00 pm -children and parents climb together. Youths and Adults 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost \$2.00 per person. For more information call Donna at Point in Time at 457-5345 ext. 314 or email donnaa@pointintime.ca

• **February 9: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre Northshore Rd. Come and hear Joanne Miezner talk about Shiva Oils & what you can do on fabric. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Sharon @ 705-286-1531

• **February 9 : Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group** invites you to visit the historic immigration quarantine centre on Grosse Ile. Ellie MacNeil takes us through the Irish Memorial National Historic Site where thousands of Irish Immigrants were housed in 1847-48. This free meeting will be held at the Minden Legion, 12847 Hwy #35, across from County Rd 21. Doors open at 6pm. Bring & Win Raffle and refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker 705-286-2225.

• **February 9, MINDEN:** Meet the Nurse, Wednesday, February 9, 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building) in Minden. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call

(705) 457-1391 for more information.

• **February 10th MEET AND GREET GOODERHAM** - from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Gooderham Community Centre Come and bring your children and meet the staff from Point in Time. There will be fun activities for the children and a time for parents to have a break and ask questions. Fun Food Activities! Please contact Dawn Hurd at 705-457-5345 Ext. 311 to register.

• **February 12 Dorset Poker Rally held at Lions Camp Dorset** Pre-registration Friday: 7 to 9 p.m. Registration Saturday: 9 to 11 a.m. 300 riders w/ OFSC trail permits. Poker Hands \$30.00 \$50.00 worth of pledges allows you to ride free, pledge forms available at Lions Camp Dorset or online at (www.tallpines.org) or (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Hands dealt until 4 p.m. Dinner at 4:30 Prizes at 6:30 for further information contact Charmaine 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662

• **Feb 12: "My Funny Valentine"** Beginning at 7:30 p.m. Love Songs from Musical Theatre performed by Beth Kipping & Melissa Stephens. An intimate concert in artful surroundings! Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre Tickets \$30 705-457-2330 info@railsendgallery.com

• **February 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse**, 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

• **February 18 Children's Learning Centre 4th Annual Hockey Fundraiser-** Located at the Minden Arena at 7:00 p.m. The Chicks with Sticks vs The Haliburton Highlands O.P.P Admission: Adult \$5.00 Children 5+ \$3.00 preschoolers FREE. We will have lots of raffle items available! Come join the fun! For more information, please call us at 705-286-4074

• **February 23rd 1:30 p.m. The Haliburton County Historical Society Presents:** Bill Beattie & Julia Roberston Topic: "Stories my Grandparents told me" located at the Maple Lake United Church, Stanhope Airport Rd. & Highway. 118

• **March 1: GriefShare:** starting from 7:30-9PM for 13 weeks at Lakeside Baptist Church, Park Street, Haliburton. This group is sponsored by people who know what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. For further information contact Susan Bain 705-457-2570 or Pat and Doug Hardy 705-286-3635.

• **April 28: CFUW Card Party** at the Haliburton Curling Club at 12:00 pm. Cost is \$20.00/person which includes lunch and door prizes. Cash bar available. All card and game players are welcome. All proceeds to the CFUW Scholarship Fund. Contact Linda at 705 457-2064 for tickets.

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis**. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

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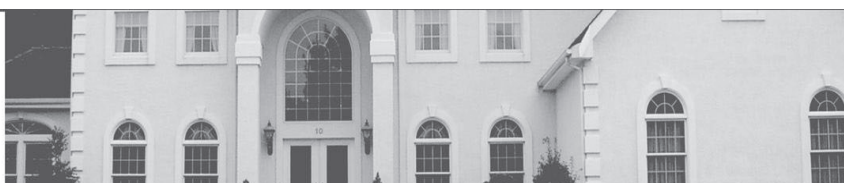
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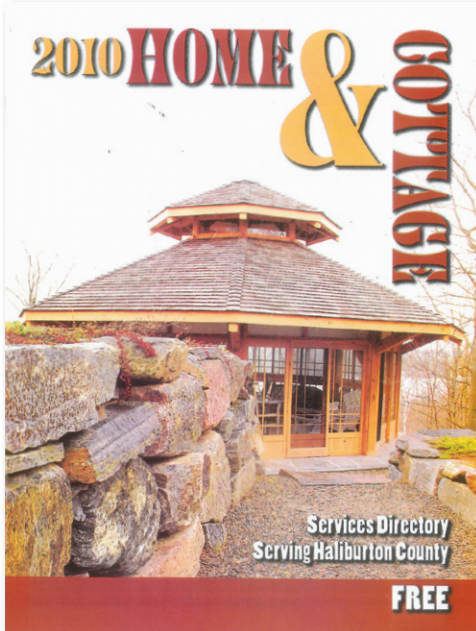
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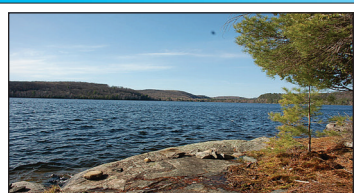
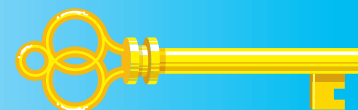
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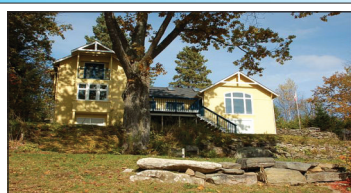
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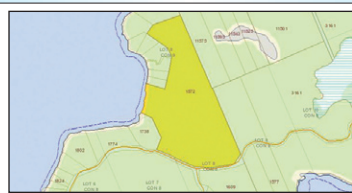
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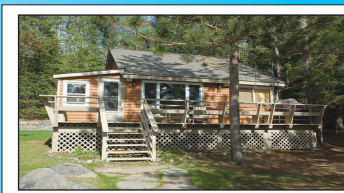
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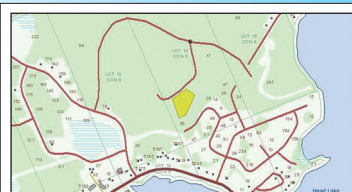
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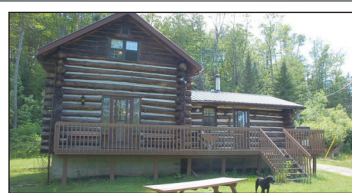
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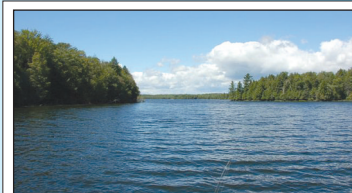
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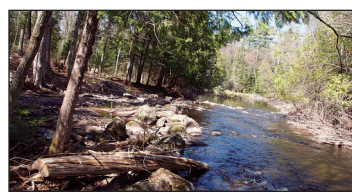
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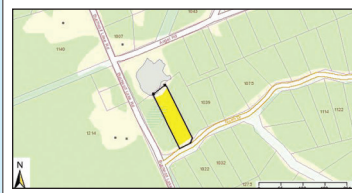
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